

Executive Order 2008-22
State Felony and Fugitive Detail

WHEREAS, the safety of the citizens of the State is a major concern of state and local government; and

WHEREAS, there are over 58,897 outstanding and unserved felony warrants statewide, 41,904 of which are for individuals suspected of or already convicted of felonies in Maricopa County alone; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of law enforcement to identify, seek out and serve these individuals so the criminal judicial process may proceed for the benefit of public safety and in the interests of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Public Safety has statewide resources, including investigative and intelligence personnel, to lead statewide, multi-jurisdictional efforts to respond to this public safety need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Public Safety shall develop a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, statewide plan to immediately identify and arrest those individuals with outstanding felony warrants.
2. The plan will be a collaborative effort among local, county, state, tribal and federal agencies to effectively coordinate efforts.
3. The plan will maximize the use of the intelligence resources of all law enforcement agencies.
4. The Arizona Department of Public Safety will immediately deploy a squad of detectives and other enforcement resources to address this backlog of unserved felony warrants, with priority on gang-related felonies and undocumented aliens with felony warrants.
5. The Arizona Department of Public Safety, periodically and upon request from this office, will provide a statistical report that demonstrates the results of its efforts.
6. The Arizona Department of Public Safety will develop a reporting mechanism for unserved felonies that enhances existing local "crime stop" type systems.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

J. A. N. K.
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 12 day of May in the Year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE